



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

9:00 AM

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Waite, 2nd Vice Chairperson Patricia G. Gray, Commissioner Epstein, Commissioner Gordon Gray, Commissioner Kelley, Commissioner Leiga, Commissioner Talamantes and Commissioner Westall

Excused: Vice Chairperson Burman, Commissioner Calhoun, Commissioner Guerra Jr., Commissioner Ponder and Commissioner Sampson

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be Called to Order by Chairperson Waite. (11-2380)

Chairperson Waite called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and noted a quorum was not present. Commissioner Gray (9:14 a.m.), Commissioner Leiga (9:18 a.m.), Commissioner Westall (9:22 a.m.) and Vice-Chairperson Patricia Gray (9:30 a.m.) joined the meeting establishing a quorum.

2. Approval of the Minutes of May 3, 2011. (11-2381)

By unanimous consent the minutes from the meeting of May 3, 2011 were approved.

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II. PRESENTATIONS

3. Update on Home for Good - Action Plan to End Chronic and Veteran Homelessness by 2016

- Christine Marge, Director, Housing & Financial Stability United Way of Greater Los Angeles (11-1566)

Christine Marge, Director, Housing & Financial Stability of United Way of Greater Los Angeles, attended the Collaborative Leadership Summit to End Homelessness on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The Business Leaders Taskforce, United Way of Greater Los Angeles and L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce held an unprecedented summit of Federal, regional, state and local executives from housing and homeless agencies to determine the most effective ways to access and utilize services, resources and federal funding. The Business Leaders Taskforce has 82 commitments for a successful implementation of the Home for Good Program which includes the cities of Long Beach, Santa Monica, Palmdale and Los Angeles. The Commission agreed to arrange an opportunity for Ms. Marge to speak at the Council of Governments in Los Angeles County and the League of California Cities meetings.

Ms. Marge is fully confident that the 2500 newly constructed apartment units, at 500 units per year, will be reached by 2015-16. The challenge is working with landlords to provide 6500 already existing units for the chronically homeless and veterans to live. In Los Angeles County there are approximately 12000 chronically homeless people. Once the chronically homeless are given a place to live there has been a 97% success rate in remaining in their home.

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- 4.** Discussion on the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Advance Contract (Continued from the Meeting April 5, 2001)

Steve Andryszewski, Chief Financial Officer
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (11-1567)

Steve Andryszewski, Chief Financial Officer of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, is the Agency responsible for monitoring the activities of the recipient for program implementation, compliance with federal and county financial requirements, including the retention of financial records, and compliance with all other applicable regulations. He indicated that 92% of the clients are housed in market rate housing. The funding assists with rental deposits and rental expenses.

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- 5.** Presentation on the Los Angeles County Shelter Plus Care and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program

Maureen M. Fabricante, Supervisor

Larry Newnam, Senior Program Manager
Special Needs Housing Unit
Housing Development and Preservation Division (11-2625)

Maureen M. Fabricante, Supervisor of the Special Needs Housing Unit, Housing Development and Preservation Division of the Community Development Commission, reported on the chronically homeless in Los Angeles County. The components are homeless tenant based indirect housing from a private income subsidy; VASH Program funds directed towards homeless veterans that fought in recent wars; Veteran Administration Program for older veterans (both Veteran programs must adhere to the VA policies); and Shelter Plus Care provides all the necessary services (mental health, physical health, etc. programs that are used to support the homeless). The Shelter Plus Care is the most costly services, and therefore, the assumption is that eventually the clients will decrease their need for services to only a section 8 voucher.

Larry Newnam, Senior Program Manager of the Special Needs Housing Unit, Housing Development and Preservation Division of the Community Development Commission, distributed the 2011 Los Angeles County Housing Programs Map displaying locations of existing housing, and administrative offices with descriptions of various programs and funds. In addition, he distributed the Los Angeles County Housing Resource Center postcard that assists residents with locating housing resources for affordable, special needs and emergency housing. In 1998, the CDC/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles pioneered the expansion of capital funding for special needs housing in the County with the introduction of the City of Industry Fund. Approximately 50% of the funds are located for housing. More information is available at the website, <http://housing.lacounty.gov/>.

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6. Discussion on the County of Los Angeles Homelessness Prevention Program

Linda Jenkins, Manager
Karen Hamilton, Program Manager
CDBG Division - Grants Planning and Administration
Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (11-2386)

Linda Jenkins, Manager of Community Development Block Grant Division (CDBG) of the Community Development Commission (CDC), reported the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Advance Contract of 2009 used American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds which was established to assist in

creating jobs and financing households that need help in preventing homelessness. This temporary relief program of \$12.1 million assists families to pay for personnel and non-personnel expenses. The funds delegated for the (HARP) requires that 60% of the resources must be used by August 2011. The remaining HARP Funds must be spent by August 2012.

Karen Hamilton, Program Manager, CDBG Division of the CDC, distributed an organizational chart of government departments involved in the HPRP program and statistics on the number of households that were supported by the same program. She anticipates that CDBG's will reach the goal of allocating 60% of the required expenditure by next week. The statistics on the number of household assisted by HPRP did not indicate the total numbers assisted in Los Angeles County, i.e. the households assisted in the Third Supervisorial District were small because most of the needier households were under the City of Los Angeles jurisdiction. Each of the 60 cities that received HPRP funds operated their own program.

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7. Discussion on the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiatives

Elizabeth Boyce
Chief Executive Office (11-2003)

Elizabeth Boyce, Housing & Homeless Initiatives, Service Integration Division of the Chief Executive Office, distributed a March 30, 2011 Board of Supervisors letter titled, "Strengthening Homeless Services Update and 'Home for Good (HFG),' The Action Plan To End Chronic and Veteran Homelessness by 2016" that includes ten recommendation that are aligned with four key strategies of the HFG plan. Ms. Boyce provided the history of how the homeless issue began. The Board of Supervisor requested a better outcome for the homeless. In 2006, it was realized that there was a need for collaboration among the County's homeless service provider departments. In November 2010, Supervisor Knabe, Ridley-Thomas, and Yaroslavsky led the support to analyze United Way's Home for Good Plan to end chronic homelessness. The analysis revealed it was expensive to provide housing and the appropriate support services.

Chairperson Waite thanked the speakers and invited them to return on August 2, 2011. Also, discussed inviting a few speakers from today's meeting to attend the League of California Cities meeting.

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III. DISCUSSIONS

8. Imagery Acquisition Consortium Update (Continued from April 5, 2011 meeting).
 (11-1564)

This item was continued to the July 12, 2011 meeting.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

9. Items not posted on the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to
 staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission.
 (11-2383)

**Chairperson Waite is unavailable to preside over the July 12, 2011 meeting.
At that meeting, discussion will be held on Assembly Bill 32.**

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of
 interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-2384)

**Arnold Sachs provided comments on homelessness and transportation in
Los Angeles County.**

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of June 7, 2011. (11-2385)

**The June 7, 2011 meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m. The next Regular
Meeting of the Commission will be Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.**